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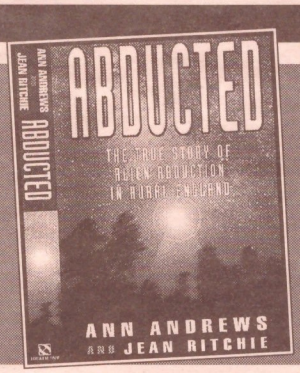

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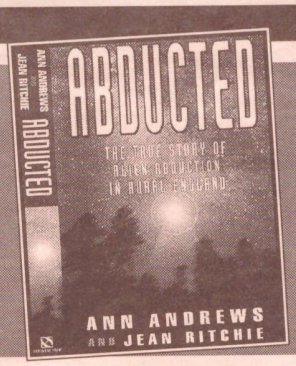

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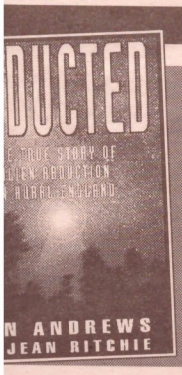

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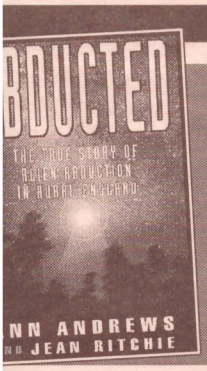

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Jason remembers another night when he found himself at his parent's smallholding, Hawksnest Farm, three miles from his present home in Borough Green, Kent.

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Ann was horrified. She called Tony Dodd: "You have got to do something. He's somehow letting them share his own body, his mind. They're experiencing things – and he's letting them."

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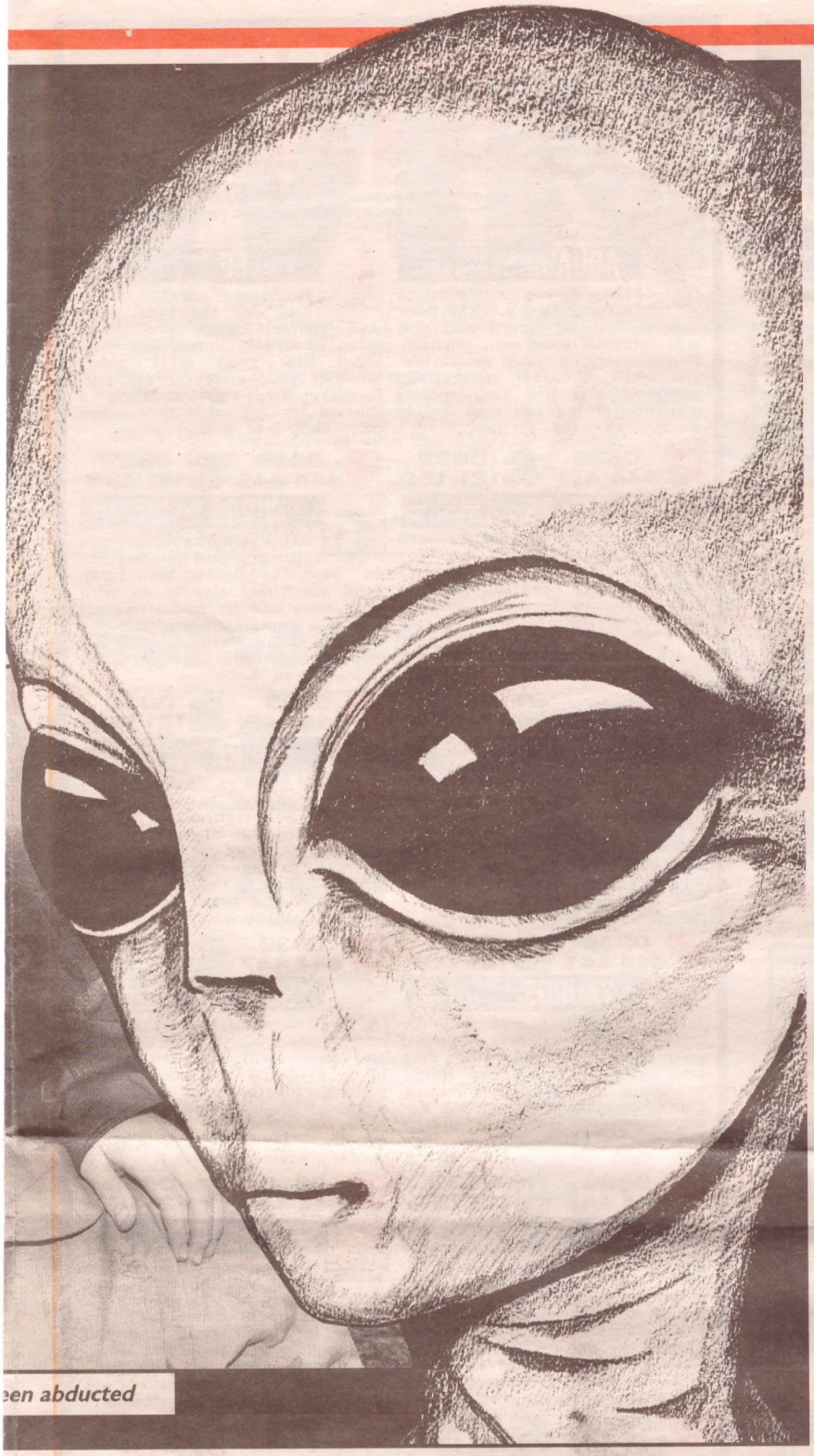

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Paul was in shock. He had resigned himself to his son's strange life... but his wife too?

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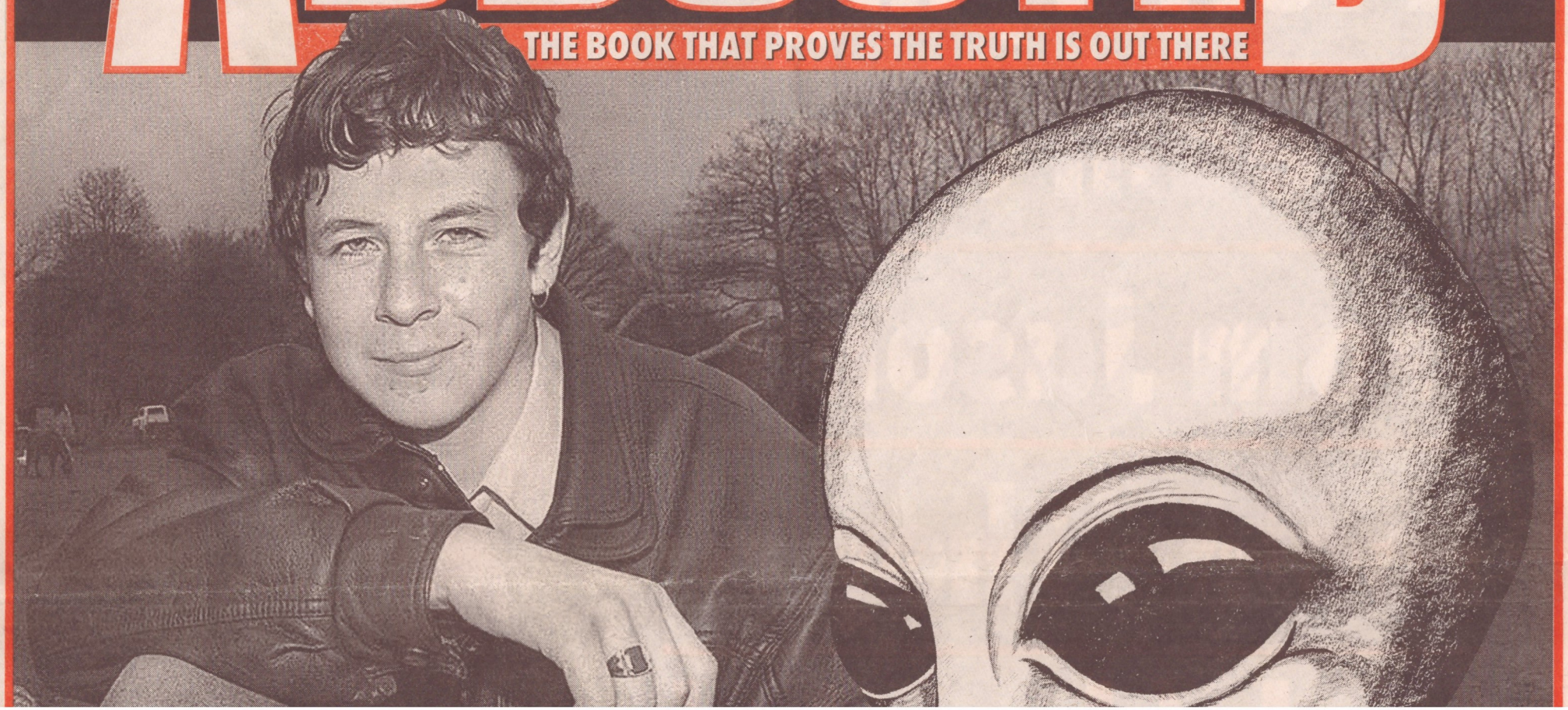

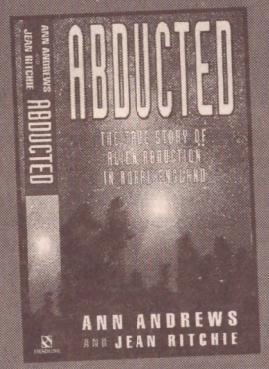

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Jason's mum Ann, relieved everything had gone well, settled down for a quiet cup of coffee with her husband Paul and her mother Vi.

A loud banging at the door of their cottage in Slade Green, Kent, interrupted their chat.

It was 10 o'clock at night, too late for casual callers. The noise was urgent and insistent.

Louder than a fist, it was more like a heavy boot being thrust against the door with huge force. Paul flung the heavy oak door wide. The banging stopped the moment he touched the door. There was no one there. He peered up and down the lane that led to the cottage. It was empty.

As Paul stepped back into the living room there was a loud crack of thunder. The storm woke seven-year-old Daniel, their older son, who had been asleep in the bedroom. He climbed on to his grandmother's lap. Jason slept on.

Suddenly, there was a flash of lightning, so fierce that even Paul, a big, unflappable man, jumped. Jason sat bolt upright. His eyes open, staring, but oblivious to the room and the people around him.

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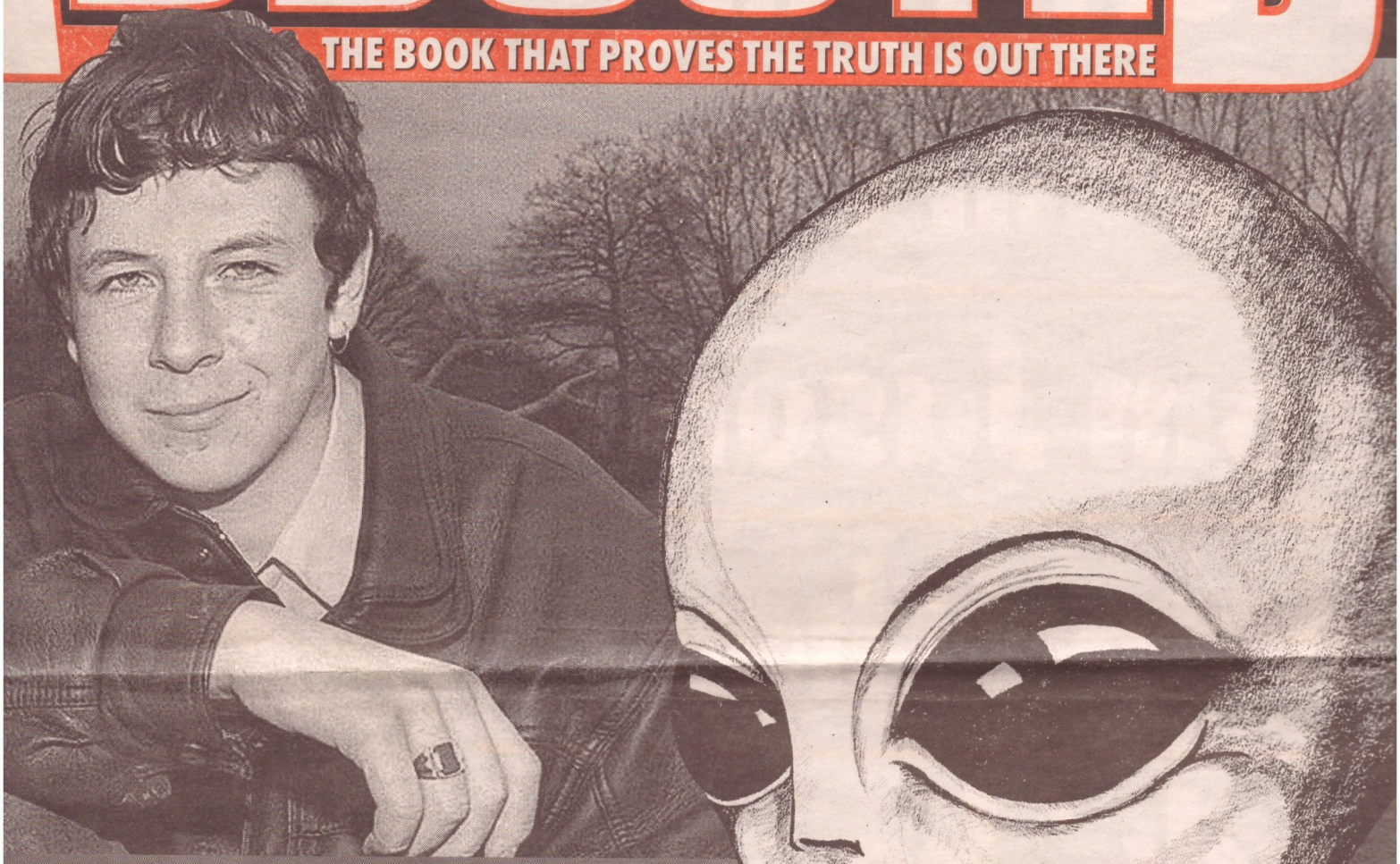

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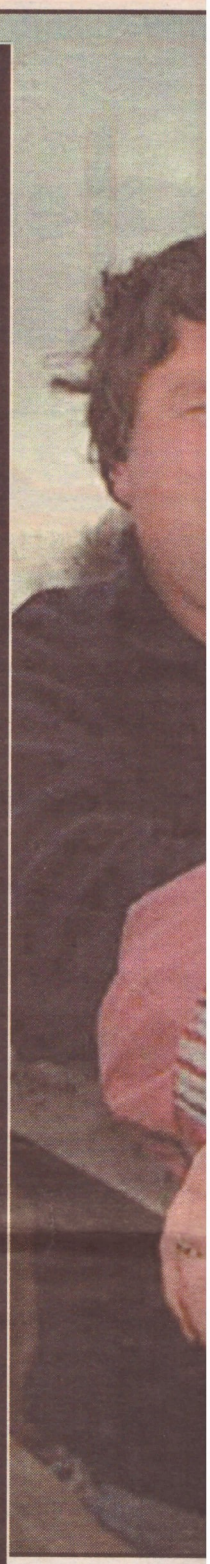

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And Paul, the most sceptical of the lot, once witnessed a bright orange circular object darting upwards towards the sky at enormous speed.

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Sometimes his pyjamas would be caked with mud and his feet and hands scratched.

At first the couple tried to dismiss it as sleep walking. But early one morning Paul poked his head into Jason's bedroom. He had disappeared. Panic-stricken, they checked the shed in the back garden. Ann strained at the heavy bolts. The door opened and they found him sound asleep. If Jason had been sleep walking he would have needed all his strength to open the bolts. Even if he had, how could he close them again?

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A week later Jason was suddenly struck with acute stomach pains. He was readmitted to hospital. There was no scar on his right side, but there were several red fresh-looking scars on his stomach.

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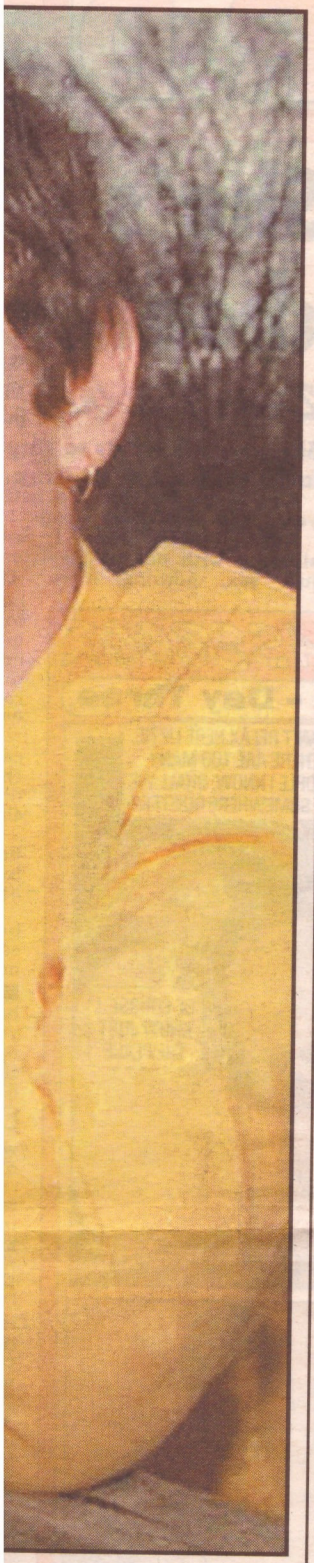

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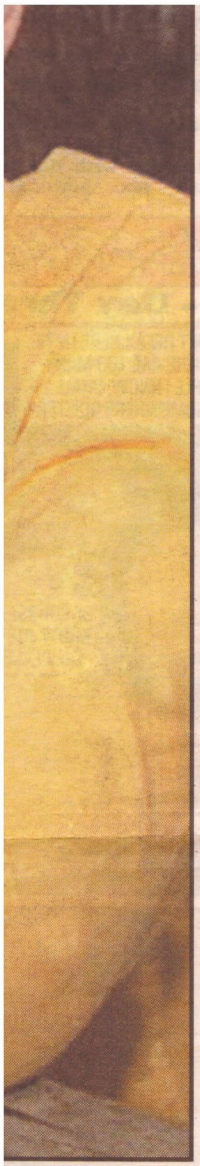

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Daniel told his parents: "I get weird stuff happening, too. Last night I was woken by a bright light, and when I sat up I felt I had been hit by something all over. Almost like something had entered me.

"I felt something hot running through me, but I was paralysed. The next second I was asleep, and I didn't remember anything till this morning.

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Jason sat up and stared accusingly at his parents: "Why do you let them take me?

"I have to go to hospital with them. They take me to an operating theatre. It's all white. Sometimes it's a circular room with a metal floor.

"It's always cold. I want to go home, I hate it. They're there. The big one touches me but I don't feel it, as if I've had an anaesthetic. I hate it, I hate it.

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But the Andrews are convinced their son IS still being abducted by aliens. They would love to be proved wrong. But so far no one has been able to . . .

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